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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday March 27, 2022

**Disclaimer:** The purpose of this briefing is to provide a <u>Regional</u> weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to <u>www.weather.gov/srh</u>.

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions continue across portions of TX today expanding into portions of OK and NM on Monday and Tuesday.
  - Extremely critical fire weather conditions possible on Tuesday.
- Severe thunderstorms across OK into North/Central TX on Tuesday and across ETX, AR, and LA on Wednesday.

#### FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 27, 2022 - Mar 31, 2022

DAY / THREAT	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Severe Storms			OK, North/Central TX	SE AR, NE LA	
Severe Storms			OR, North/Central 1 X	ETX,AR,LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	TX	TX, OK, NM	TX, OK, NM	STX	
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR	ETX, LA, AR



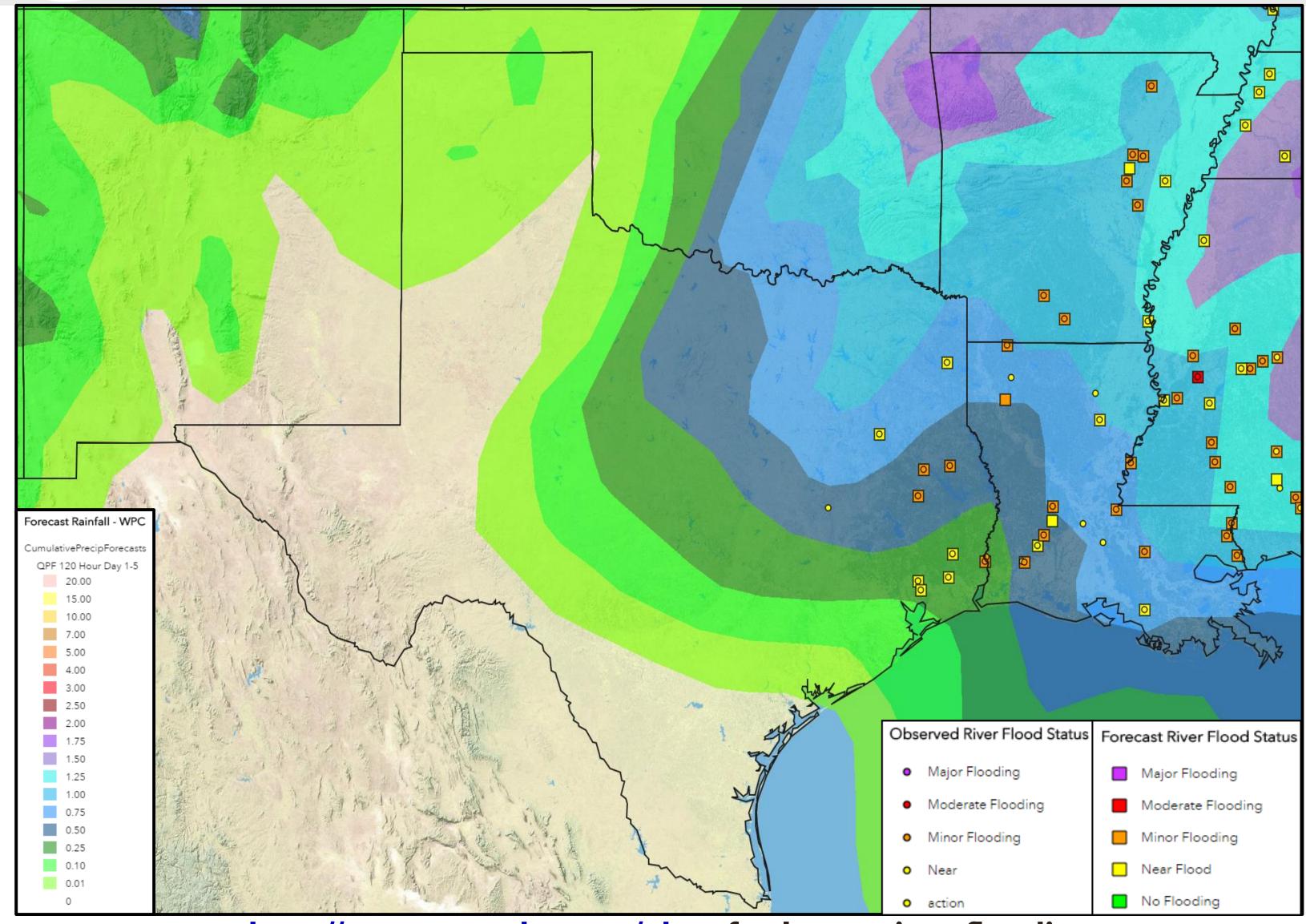
\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



#### 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



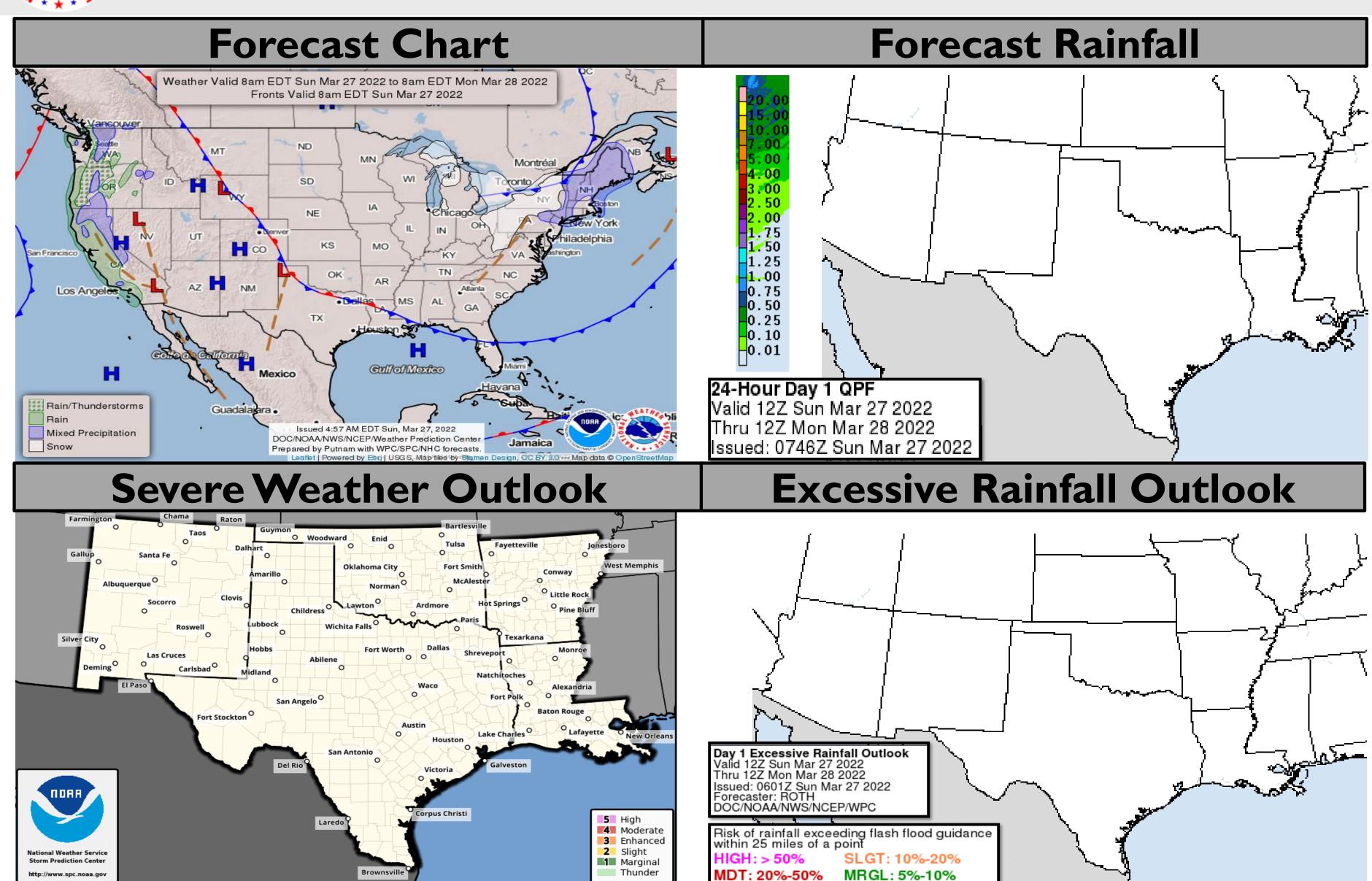
Minor river flooding will continue across parts of ETX, LA, and AR with flooding of agricultural areas, timberland, secondary roads, and recreational areas.

MS River in LA will continue in minor flood impacting river traffic and camps near the river.

http://water.weather.gov/ahps for latest river flooding



#### Today's Weather

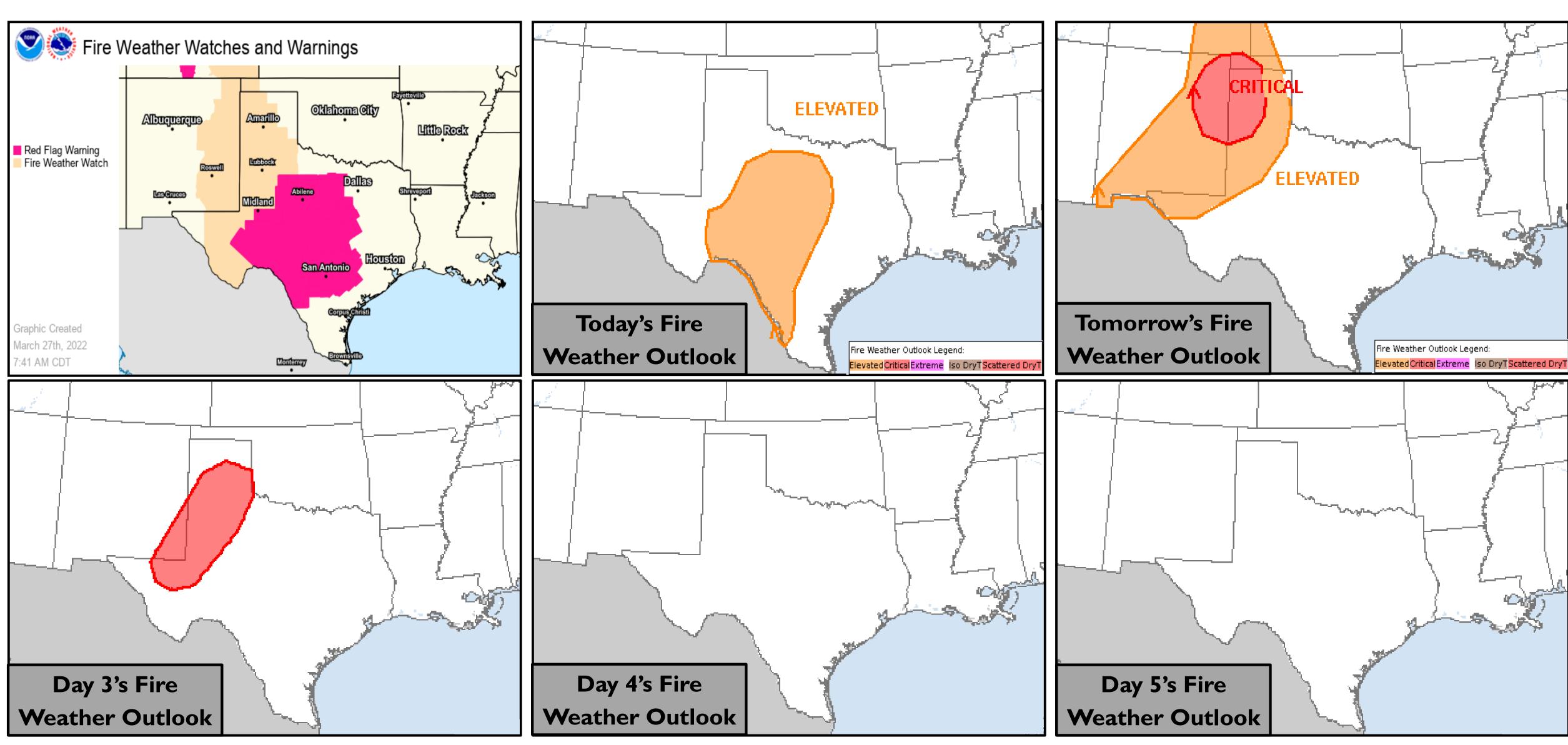


Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across TX.

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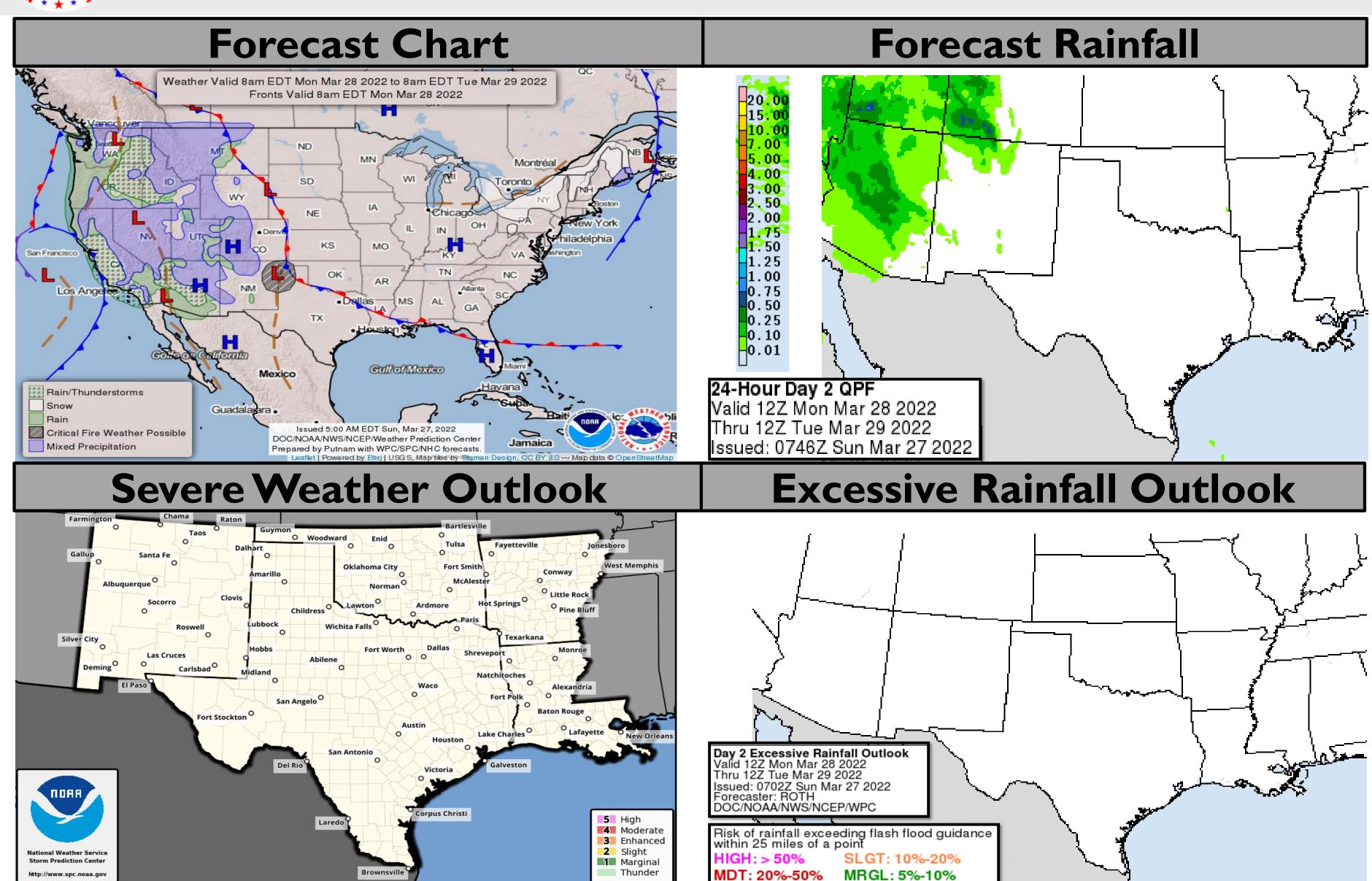
#### Fire Weather Outlooks

Note: Days 3-5 only highlight critical areas





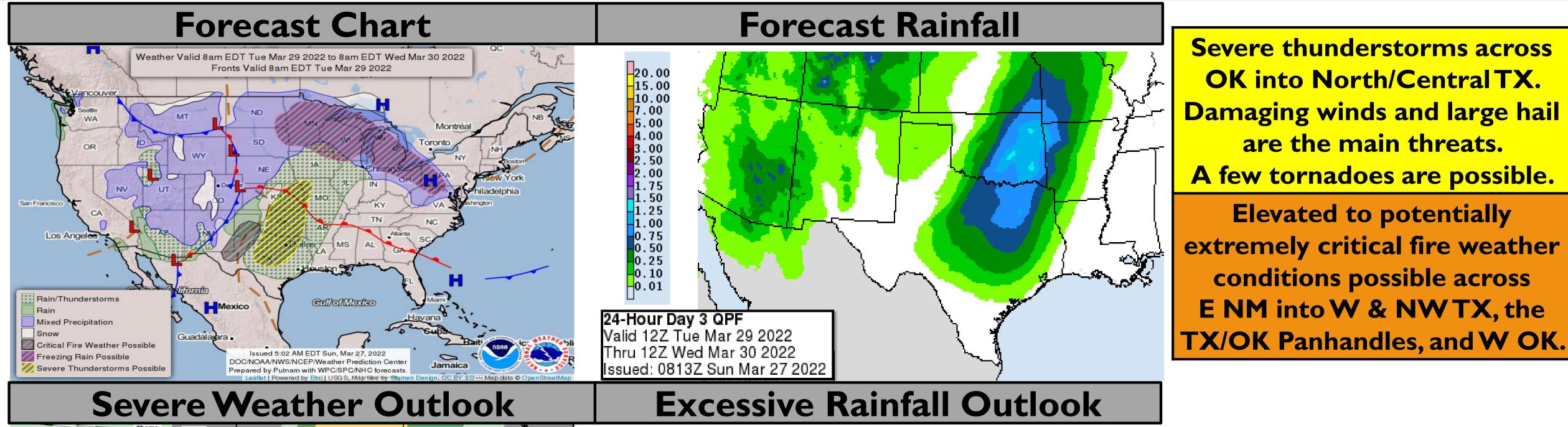
#### Tomorrow's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather conditions across portions of TX, OK, and NM.



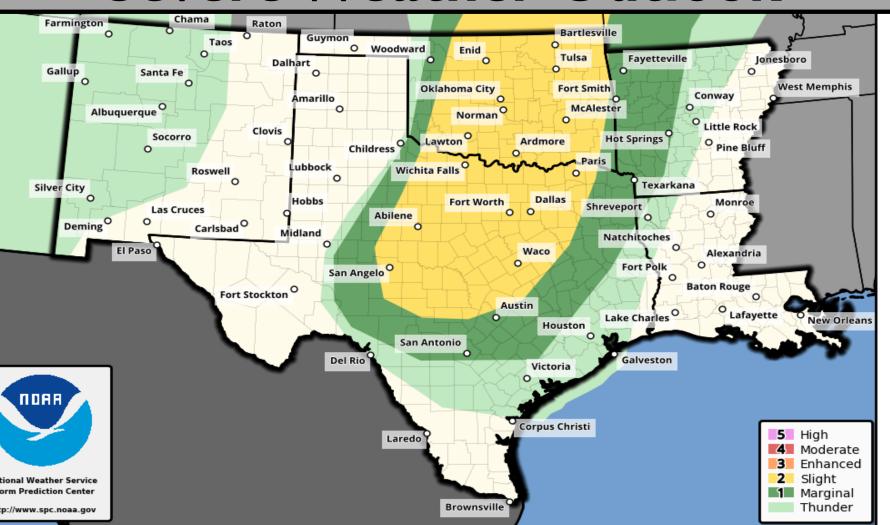
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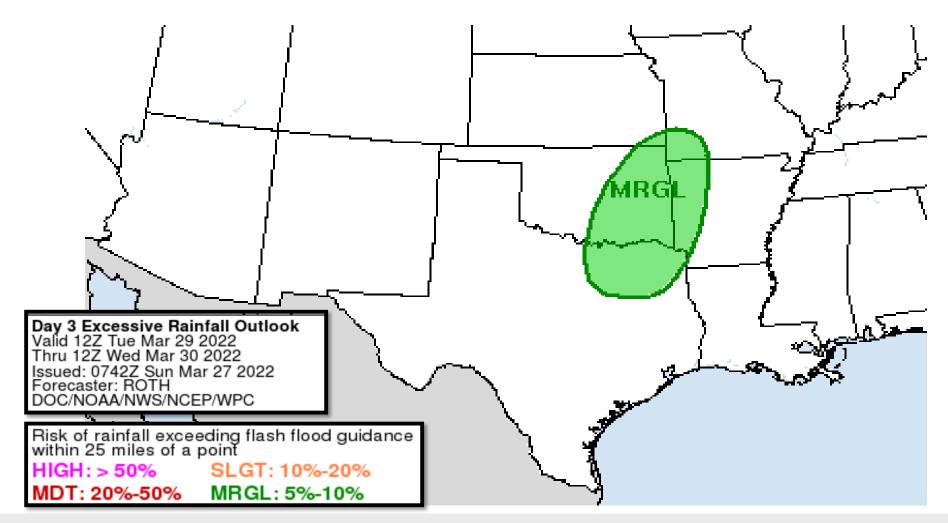


Severe thunderstorms across **OK into North/Central TX.** Damaging winds and large hail are the main threats. A few tornadoes are possible. **Elevated to potentially** extremely critical fire weather

conditions possible across

E NM into W & NW TX, the

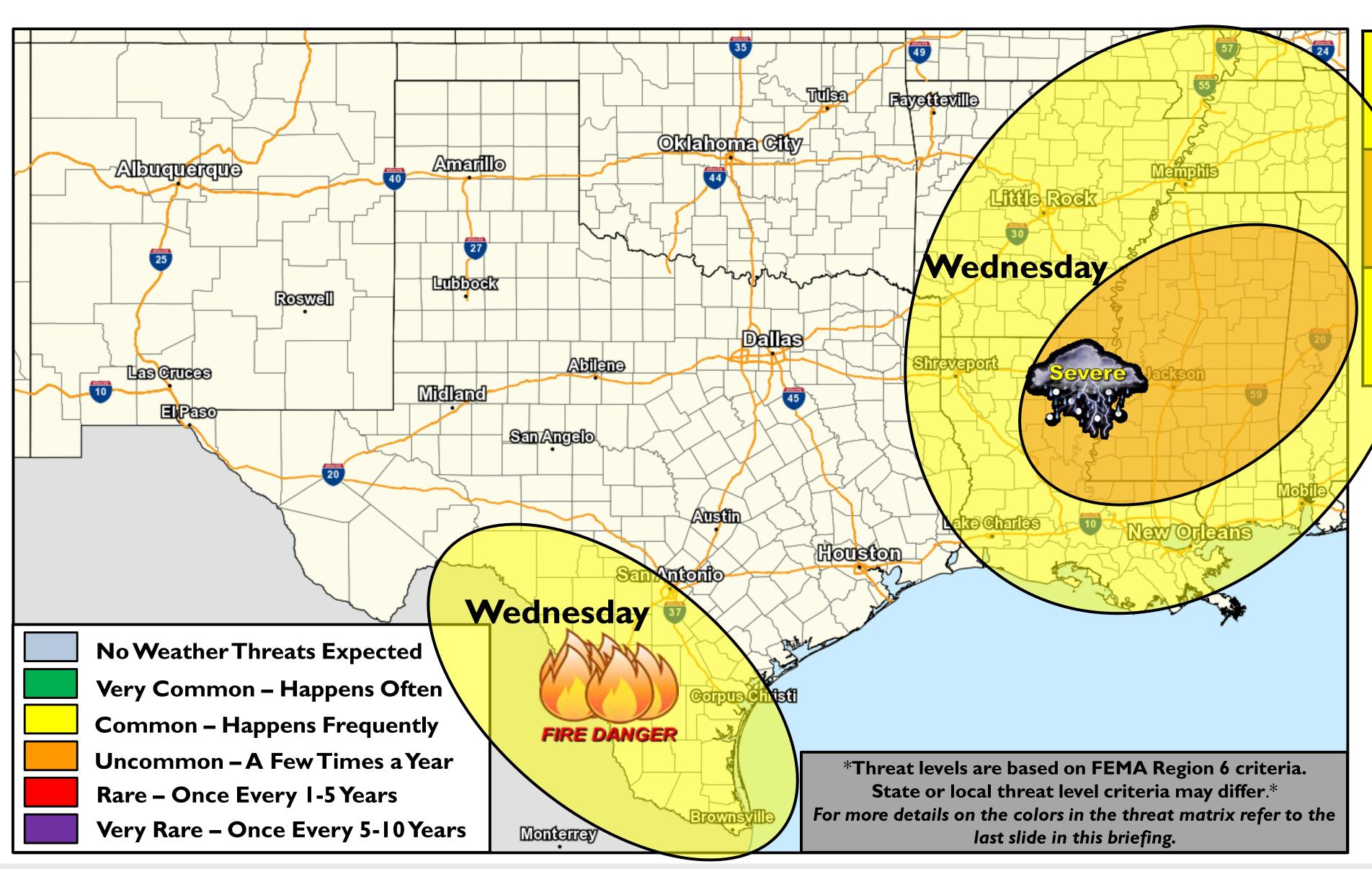






#### Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Wednesday - Thursday



Severe thunderstorms possible across ETX into AR and LA on Wednesday.

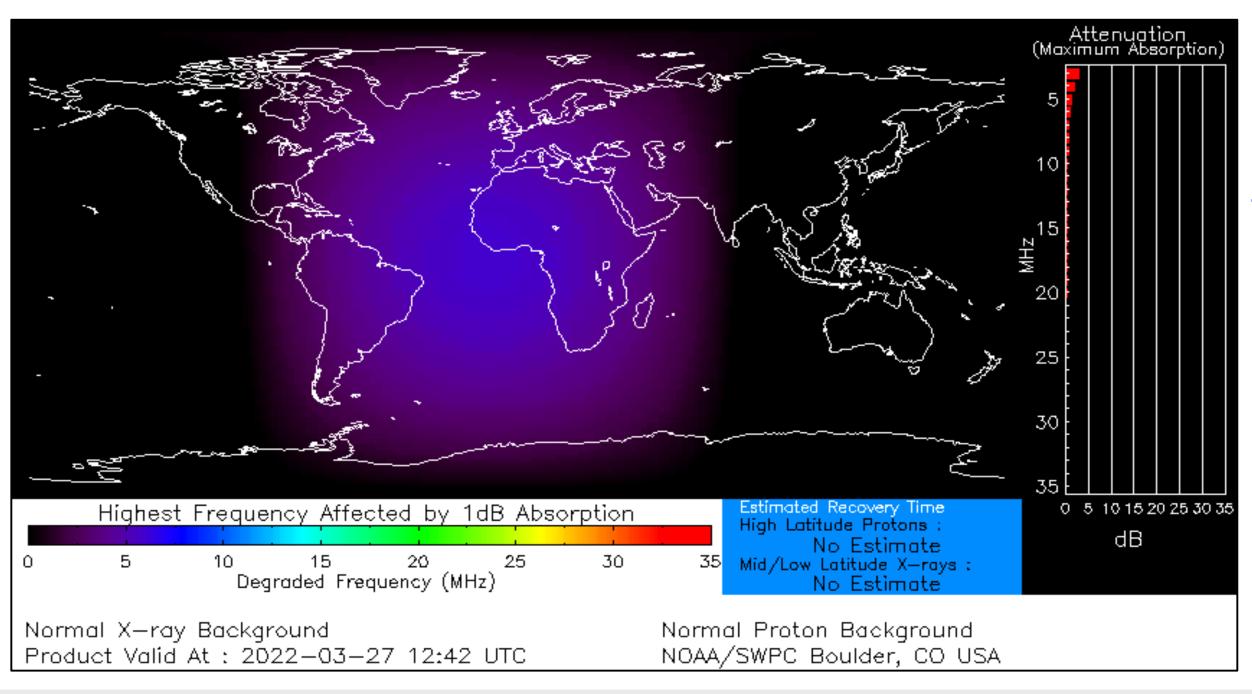
Severe thunderstorms likely across SEAR and NE LA on Wednesday.

Elevated to critical fire we ather conditions in STX on Wednesday



#### Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (GI) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	<b>1</b> %	1%



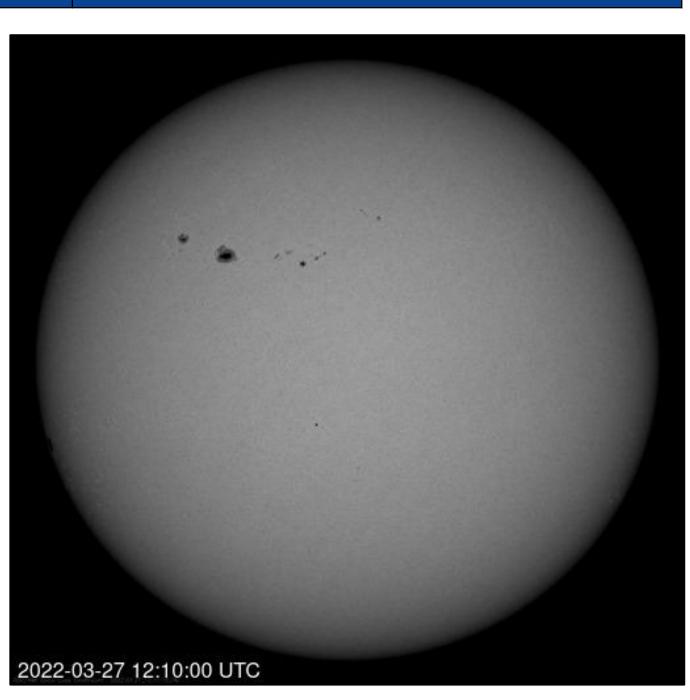
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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales

Click here for the Latest

3-Day Space Weather

Forecast Text





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	Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI						
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)				
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees  Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as sea breeze storms in coastal TX				
Yellow	Somewhat Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>				
Orange	Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>				
Red	Rare — Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>				
Purple	Very Rare — Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long- lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>				

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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